

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-10, 13-20, 23-26, 28-31, 34-42 and 44-62 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 25, 28-31, 34-42, 44-62 have been amended, and claims 8 and 22 have been canceled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Interview(s)/Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful and productive discussion on July 5, 2011, during which the innovations herein and clarifications of the claims were discussed as against the issues noted by the Examiner in the Office action of May 6, 2011. Proposed clarifications obviating the 112 and other rejections were discussed. The information discussed in this interview is embodied within/consistent with the amendments and remarks submitted herewith. This summary is in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), thus no further written statement regarding the interview is believed warranted.

1. Priority

The certified copy of the application filed on 3/29/06 was objected to due to some illegible portions. Under separate cover, on July 1, 2011, Applicants have submitted a new certified copy of the priority application, and respectfully request the priority claim be thereby acknowledged.

2. Rejection of Claims Under §§ 112 and 101

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Nevertheless, without acquiescence, in the interests, e.g., of advancing prosecution, avoiding additional costs, etc., Applicants have amended the claims to insert or change the recitations, as per the indications of the Examiner in the office action. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant rejections are thereby unsupported/moot/overcome and should be withdrawn.

3. Rejection of Claims Under §§ 102 and 103

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Moreover, without acquiescence, Applicants have either canceled the claims under rejection without prejudice or disclaimer, amended the claims to recite subject matter consistent with that said to be allowable, or amended the claims to depend upon such allowable subject matter. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant rejections are unsupportable/moot/overcome as against the amended claims, and thus solicit kind entry of the above amendments and allowance of this application.

Closing Remarks

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for formal allowance, and early and favorable action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's attorney at the number below if doing so will in any way advance the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time, as well as charge any fees which may be required, or credit in the overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing Attorney Docket No. 348162-982790.

Respectfully submitted,

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